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To: Utah Division of Air Quality

Subject: PM2.5 SIP

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I would like to comment on the proposed plan to limit the use of wood-burning stoves in Box Elder County.

As a lifelong resident of Box Elder County and as citizen that has used a wood-burning stove in my home for over 30 years, it is troubling to me that wood-burning stoves are being targeted as the solution to fixing air quality issues. The percentage of homes using wood-burning stoves is probably 5% or less of houses in the area being considered.

The practice of ag burning or the emission testing of motor vehicles is not being considered but controls will be placed on wood-burning stoves. Why not place controls where they would do the most to reduce pollution?

The article in the Tremonton Leader dated October 17, 2012 quotes Bryce Bird, director of the Utah Division of Air Quality as saying; "Federal highway funding is directly tied to meeting the air quality requirements." He also said "On the average winter day, about 52 percent of pollution recorded in the county comes from automobiles". If the issue is Federal highway funding and the major source of pollution is automobile emissions, it seems ludicrous to target wood-burning stoves.

Why don't we look for the solution where the real problem is?

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